

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19-21 were pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 12-14 and 16 are withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 7 are amended.

Claim 6 is as previously presented.

Claim 17 is cancelled.

The application now contains claims 1-7, 12-14 and 16.

Claim 4 is amended to delete the phrase "and R^2 , are independently of each other an organic substituent"; and to delete the fifth structure listed for T and the word "or" which immediately follows it. Claim 4 is further amended to remove multiple ranges by deleting the fifteenth structure for T and the word "or" which immediately follows it. Support is inherent in the claim.

Claim 7 is amended to delete the values of 0.005 to 1 and 0.995 to 0 for x and y respectively and insert instead the values 0.6 to 0.4 and 0.6 to 0.4. Support is found in original claim 7 and in now cancelled claim 17.

No new matter is added.

Rejections

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 4, 6, 7 and 17 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph are addressed and overcome by the above amendments, specifying in claim 4 that R^2 is H and making the ranges for x and y in claim 7 equal to 0.4 to 0.6 and 0.6 to 0.4. Applicants kindly ask that the rejections of claim 4, 6 and 7 be withdrawn, claim 17 being cancelled.

Claims 4, 6, 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Chem Abstract 128:308835, which is the abstract for L. Yu et al., Journal of Polymer Sci. Part A: Polymer Chem. 36 (1998) 1107-1110.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Yu provides poly(aryl ethers) containing pyrimidine units. The instantly amended claims do not contain aryl ether repeating units and y can not be 0.

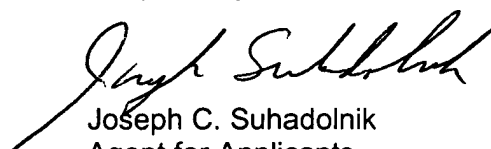
Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 4, 6, 7 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) over Chem Abstract 128:308835 are overcome and kindly ask that the rejections of claims 4, 6 and 7 be withdrawn, claim 17 being cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections are overcome and kindly ask that they be withdrawn and that claims 4, 6 and 7 be found allowable.

Applicants further kindly ask that upon finding claims 4, 6 and 7 allowable, that claims 1-3, 5 and 16 be rejoined and also found allowable as these claims are to polymers which also comprise the novel pyrimidine repeating unit. Also, Applicants note that under PCT rules, the use of a novel compound can also be claimed as part of a single invention and therefore kindly ask that claims 12-14 to a device containing the novel polymers also be rejoined and found allowable.

In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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